

Weekly Status & Information Report: Week of June 28, 2004

1. Washington Adventist Hospital Expansion (Ward 5):

City staff have learned from staff at Park and Planning that Washington Adventist Hospital is seriously considering building a medical office building at a specific location in the Long Branch area and scaling back the size of the proposed medical office building on their existing campus. They have also requested of the County Council that a process other than the special exception be used for proposed hospital expansions such as some type of site plan review. The County Planning Board will be having a preliminary discussion of this issue on July 22. Additional information will be forthcoming. (Housing and Community Development)

2. Training for Speed Law Enforcement (Ward 6 and Ward 1): Sgt. Hammond presented training in the use of LIDAR for speed law enforcement. The six officers conducted practical exercises on city streets. On June 26 at 4:30 am in the 1300 block of University Blvd., an adult male was arrested and charged with possession of drugs and paraphernalia, and DWI. (Ward 6) On June 29 at 7:40 am at the intersection of Takoma Avenue and Buffalo Avenue, an adult male was arrested and charged with indecent exposure after a woman reported a man in a vehicle exposing himself to her while asking for directions. (Ward 1). (Police)

3. Street Restoration Update: Expenditures for the initial \$700,000 street restoration project have reached \$580,000. The surface asphalt installation on Hilton Avenue and Kentland Avenue is scheduled to be completed Tuesday, July 6. Street Light Update: We have received work proposals from PEPCO for several outstanding streetlight projects (requested in December, 2003) they include a new light and pole on Columbia Avenue between Sycamore and Poplar (\$9,590), a new light and pole on Buffalo Avenue near Takoma Avenue (3,615), the addition of 2 lights on existing poles at Kirklynn and Hammond Avenue (\$3,583), a new light on existing pole at 7216 Trescott Avenue (\$579) and an upgrade of an existing light at Sycamore and Columbia Avenues (\$545). The total cost is \$17,912. Streetlight Funds of \$15,000 were approved in the FY04 Capital budget, the balance of the costs will be covered by PW's operating budget. We anticipate that PEPCO will complete the installations within 60 days of receiving our payment and signed contract. (Public Works)

4. Creative Adventures and Extreme Horizon: The first week of Creative Adventures Camp at Takoma Park Elementary School and the TP Recreation Center, serving children in grades 1-5. Field trips included Wheaton Regional Park for a field day and Splash Down Water Park in Manassas. The Extreme Horizon Camp for grades 6-8 took trips to six Flags, Horseback Riding, Roller skating, the Water Park and also had an environmental day. Over 30 children participated in a free basketball clinic on Friday, hosted by the Steve Francis Foundation. Bus transportation was also provided to the clinic which was held at the new Kennedy Recreation Center in D.C. Kids received lunch, t-shirts, prizes and basketball instruction at this all day affair. (Recreation)